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MaineCare Day Health Services Rate Study Provider Kickoff

Dear Day Health Services Provider,

As noted in the MaineCare e-message below, MaineCare is conducting a rate determination process for Section 26 Day Health Services.

You are receiving this email because we are inviting you to participate in the rate study process for this service.

The basic steps of the process include the following:

- 1. On August 31, the Department and its vendor will host a virtual "kick off" meeting with Section 26 providers. At this meeting we will explain the process and walk you through a cost survey that you will then have 3 weeks to fill out and return. You will receive a calendar invitation shortly with the exact time of the meeting.
- 2. In mid-October we will hold another virtual meeting to walk you through the cost data we have received through the surveys (note: the data will be aggregated, so no individual provider's data will be shared), so that we can ask you for your input regarding any anomalies, and so that you can provide any other feedback you wish to provide.
- 3. In mid-November we will hold another virtual meeting, to walk you through the proposed rates that were developed based on the cost survey data and other information and to take your questions and comments. You will then have several weeks to provide written comments, after which the Department will respond in writing to comments with an explanation of whether and how feedback was incorporated into the final rates that will become effective 1/1/23.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have about this process, and we look forward to seeing you on August 31 and to your ongoing participation in this important process.

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This e-message provides notice that the Department is initiating a Rate Determination Process* for Section 26 (Day Health Services) of the MaineCare Benefits Manual. New rates are being determined pursuant to section AAAA-6 of Public Law 2021 Chapter 398, which requires that effective 1/1/23 "the labor portion of the reimbursement rates for essential support workers as defined in Title 22, section 7401, subsection 3 to equal at least 125% of the minimum wage."

There will be opportunities throughout the Rate Determination process for stakeholders to give input and provide comment.

You may reach out to <u>Jessica Levesque</u>, MaineCare's Rate Setting Project Manager for this process, with any questions related to this determination process.

* This notice is being sent pursuant to Public Law 2022 Chapter 639.